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## WE KNOW

How You Stood Bravely and Firmly For The Right.

For These Things and Things Like These we Wish to Thank You.

The great effort of Mr. Crossland in this campaign has been to bring the District committee under the tongue of disrepute. Because the set of resolutions he offered were not endorsed by the committee, he has sought to play the bull in a china shop. When not abusing the party organization he has put in his time attempting to belittle and decry the well known, valuable and highly appreciated services of Mr. James for his party. He has succeeded in doing the one thing about as well as he has in the other. The people of this state and this district are too well versed in recent political history to be led astray by a man who shows interest in his party only when an office is to be filled. As Mr. Crossland's policy is to pull down others, rather than to build himself up, and as he will doubtless redouble his efforts along this line as the election draws near, the following letter is apropos; coming from those nearest and dearest the lamented Goebel, it shows the value placed on Mr. James' ability and services by that great friend of the people, our late Governor:

Cincinnati, O., May 7, 1901.—Hon. O. M. James, Marion, Ky.—My Dear Sir: I beg at this late date, in the name of my brother Justus and myself, to thank you for your gallant devotion to and valuable services for the cause of our brother William Goebel. We know, as all know, how ably you represented the cause of the candidate from your end of the state, before and during the Louisville Convention; but we also know and appreciate how promptly and loyally, when the convention made its choice, you pledged your unalloyed support to William Goebel. We know how, in the name of the party, he called upon you during the campaign, and appreciate how you opened that campaign in the Seventh congressional district, throughout it stumped the entire state in his behalf, and closed it in company with him at Louisville; how, at the count in Louisville, surrounded by a hired mob, you with but few others stood your ground for the party's sake and his sake. When at the dictates of his party he finally consented to contest, we know how at the mere suggestion of the great value of your services by him you promptly volunteered without charge your services throughout that contest, and stood bravely and firmly for the right, undeterred and undismayed by that mountain army upon crime and murder bent. For these things and things like these, we wish to thank you. You live far from us at the other end of the state, but across the distance we wish to grasp your hand, and convey to you that feeling of gratitude which mere words do not express.

Believe me, ever and in truth your friend,  
(Signed) Arthur Goebel.

### THE CONGRESSIONAL RACE.

BY A YOUNG LADY ADMIRER OF OLLIE M. JAMES.

Our Democratic Committee met With true and pure intention; And decided on a primary Instead of a convention. They set the time they thought best To hold the primary election, And they thought would please voters In every town and section.

## A LOYAL DEMOCRAT!



ABLE, CLEAN AND AGGRESSIVE.

**Vote for Him in the Congressional Primary Election Saturday, May 24.**

Gentlemen, it is an easy matter to assail the services of a man for his party, but allow me to say to you that I have fought your battles from Seamander to the sea. I made more speeches for Goebel than any other Democrat in Kentucky. In every fierce campaign, in every district in your State I have borne the banner of my party. The Democratic State Committee called upon me to go by the side of your brave young Governor, and, at this call of the party, I went from one end of the State to the other, in the fiercest campaign in yours and my time, calling the Democratic hosts to rally to the rescue of our beloved State. In this good county of Trigg, I have stood as your champion against the carpet bagger from other parts of the State. You may say to me, "James, it is true, all this you have done, you have borne the heat and burden of the day while your opponent in this contest was resting under the shade of the tree; you have never failed to respond to our call, and to the call of the party throughout the State, when its banner was in peril; you never held a public office, but notwithstanding all this we are going to forget you and give these honors to your opponent, we will trample under foot the ambition of your life and give the office to one who has already been given a moderate fortune in the way of emoluments of office."

While you may do this, I do not believe you will, and I do not come with any cringing appeal, I stand upon my services and my merits, humble as they are, and boys, let me say treat me as you will, if any Phillistine ever come before the "army of the lord" in defiance, and the old banner needs a defender, call for Ollie James and he will defend it.—Extract from Mr. James' speech at Cadiz Monday.

But Crossland kicked up quite a row,  
With tongue and gestures flying,  
Vowed he'd right such dreadful wrongs  
Or else he'd die a-trying.  
And he is great on making speeches,  
Of this we have no doubt;  
For when he's short on argument  
He can "cuss" the whole thing out.

Ollie James we know is youthful,  
And though of "massive frame"  
His mind is deep and brilliant  
And he'll "get there all the same."  
He is of the common people,  
And will work for what they need,  
He's noble, pure and generous  
And free from spite and greed.

When old Kentucky needed help  
Our enemies to quell,  
Who was it worked both night and day  
And did his work so well?  
Whose voice was heard in clarion tones  
With every patriot breath,  
Who vowed he'd lead our hosts along  
To victory or to death?

It was our gallant Ollie James  
Who helped the fight to win,  
With noble mein and burning words  
He put young Beckham in.  
He has proved his faith and loyalty  
By words and words that told,  
As attorney, chairman, counselor,  
He was bright, and true and bold.

While Mr. Crossland stayed at home,  
To help he did not try,  
But now holds up his empty hands  
And wants them filled with pie.  
He comes before the public now,  
And we think it is a sin,  
For him to ask good democrats  
For spoils he did not win.

Then rise, ye common yeomanry  
Who daily till the soil,  
And put down aristocracy  
Who spurn your honest toil.  
Send Ollie James to Congress,  
A man who will do right,  
Whose "massive frame" is always found  
In the thickest of the fight.

## AN OLD STORY.

**Crossland Out Electioneering More Than a Year Ago.—The Newspaper Attack Upon James and How it Rebounded.**

A big crowd heard the candidates for Congress speak at Cadiz Monday. As Mr. Crossland is still pursuing his tactics of attacking the Democratic committee, the following extract from Mr. James' speech are interesting: Solomon, the wisest of men, said "O that mine enemy would write a book," and now I would paraphrase that sentence and say: "O that mine enemy would write a circular." My friend, Mr. Crossland, has issued this circular, as big as a barn door, assailing the Democratic organization of this district. One by one I have taken up his complaints, until I have driven him to the wall upon every assault he made. The truth of it is, Mr. Crossland has been prosecuting so long, that he had to have somebody to jump on, so he jumped on the Democratic committee. That committee has acted and I bow to its action, and, as I have defended the Democratic party against the assaults of Republicans and bolters in days gone by, I shall not fail to defend it now.

We find him saying in his circular that he did not know what amount would be charged as an entrance fee in the primary and intimating that he might be forced out by an exorbitant entrance fee, but how quickly this falls to the ground, when his part of the expenses for holding the primary is known to be less than \$300. And I assert here now, as I have done before, and he has not and will not deny it, that there has never been a primary held in any district in the United States in equal size, at a less expense. So there this deceptive cry falls to the ground.

We next hear him saying in his circular, which I quote literally, "I, supposing that I would not be cut off from an opportunity of seeing the people, but would be afforded the same chances that were accorded Stone, Hendrick and Wheeler, had not gone among the people never thinking that the committee would undertake to stifle their voice by calling off a canvass."

That is what he said to the people in that circular; he signed his name to it. He scattered thousands of them broadcast over the district. Now fellow Democrats, is this true? I charge that he has been a candidate for more than two years. I charge that he has been actively canvassing for months. Can I prove it? Let us see. On August 7, 1901, the Calloway Times says:

"Sam Crossland, candidate for Congress, was mixing with friends here Monday. He is the only candidate on this side of the river and he thinks he ought to have a good many votes in Calloway."

Here we find him in this big Democratic county almost a year ago as a candidate. Again, we find him in Hickman county more than twelve months ago, as I show by the following statement from Robt. L. Smith, mayor of the city of Clinton, and ex-county attorney, and one of the best Democrats in that county:

CLINTON, Ky., May 5, 1902. This is to certify that Samuel H. Crossland came into my office on the 30th day of April, 1901, and told me that he was a candidate for Congress in this district, and wanted my support, and I said to Sam, "it is a little early aint it?" and he said, "yes, but I want to be ready early." The 30th day of April, 1901 was the day they hung a negro here, and the largest crowd was here that was ever seen in Clinton, and Mr. Crossland was here mixing with that large crowd.

ROBERT L. SMITH.

We next find him in Ballard county, as shown by the following, which he admits:

This is to certify that Sam H. Crossland was in my tobacco patch last Sept. electioneering with me for congress. J. M. Skinner.

This May 10, 1902. This is to certify that Sam H. Crossland came to me in Wickliffe in April, 1901, and electioneered with me for congress M. F. Billington.

Both Mr. Skinner and Mr. Billington are gentlemen of the highest character and standing in their community. I charged these things on him in their presence, and he did not deny them, but admitted that they were true. Now, I submit to the fair minded voters is it true that he had never gone among the voters in the interest of his candidacy, or rather is it not a fact from all this proof that his assault upon the committee is unwarranted, unfair and insincere; and are we not forced to say of him—

"O how tangled is the web he weaves." A paper down here at Mayfield that has sprung forth with a campaign edition, uses this language of me in its editorial column:

"He gets the committees to invite him to make speeches; he asks and generally gets them to pay his expenses, collected from good stay at home Democrats."

Here is an attempt to discredit my Democracy and to impugn my motive in my efforts for party success in the past, and it not only touches me but is an insinuation upon the sincerity and honesty of purpose of illustrious Democrats of bygone days in this district in the State. Let us see if this insidious, half concealed attack, strikes me or if it rebounds upon the individual who seeks advantage without testing the ground upon which he stands. When this charge was made I intended that it should be answered by those who had acted as chairmen of the party in the years gone by. I sent the following telegram to Senator J. C. S. Blackburn:

Marion, Ky., April 4, 1902.—Charges are made that the campaign committee, of which you were chairman in 1899, paid my expenses to campaign the state. Is this true? Answer.

Ollie M. James. A similar telegram was sent to the other gentlemen whose answers I have and here they are:

Washington, D. C., 4-5, 1902.—Hon Ollie M. James, Marion, Ky.: Committee did not pay your expenses in 1899, nor any part of same, and no man rendered greater service.

J. C. S. Blackburn. I sent a like telegram to Senator elect James B. McCreary, and in reply received the following:

Richmond, Ky., 4-4, 1902.—Ollie James, Marion, Ky.: You never asked me to pay your expense in the campaign of 1900. To my knowledge the campaign committee never paid any part of your campaign expenses.

James B. McCreary. I sent a like telegram to Hon. H. A. Summers, who was chairman in 1896, and received the following reply:

Elizabethtown, Ky., April 4, 1902.—Ollie James, Marion, Ky.: Speeches you made in 1896 were made without compensation.

H. A. Summers. I then sent a telegram to Gov. J. C. W. Beckham and received the following reply:

Frankfort, Ky., April 5, 1902.—Hon Ollie M. James, Marion, Ky.: The committee did not pay your expenses in campaign of 1901. No man in Kentucky rendered the party more distinguished and valuable service than you did.

J. C. W. Beckham. I suppose this will be a sufficient answer to the assault made upon me in this regard.